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eduSource Industry Forum Creates Venue for Information and Discussion

Over 130 attendees converged in Toronto on March 24 for the first annual Learning Repository Industrial Forum. Delegates from a range of industries including hardware and software manufacturers, content creators and publishers attended this one-day forum. The event allowed individuals from industry to meet with members of the eduSource team, government and representatives from the education community. Click here for copies of the presentations.

We would like to thank all who attended and also acknowledge the generous support of Industry Canada, CANARIE, Bell Nexxia and the eduSource project team.

Launch of cogniSource prototype - The Knowledge Community for eduSource

eduSource is pleased to announce the launch of cogniSource, its free self-publishing knowledge community www.cognisource.ca

cogniSource is currently in prototype form, but provides an online venue for peer-based exchange, discussion, and interaction. All members of the eduSource community are invited to join, log-in and start contributing. Some sample material has already been put onto the site to show some of what is possible. Future postings will come from you!

cogniSource is built using an open source content management system called Plone http://www.plone.org. Plone is "skinable" and the cogniSource interface elements have been branded to fit with the eduSource look and feel. cogniSource is a self-service, self-publish site. All members can:
- join and establish a user profile
- create and manage user-defined work and publishing spaces
- self-publish documents (text, images, audio, video)
- create, moderate and participate in discussion forums
- post events to the calendar
- search archives using metadata
- participate in live webcasts

cogniSource is your Web site. It provides a vehicle for dissemination and community building. Use it to facilitate progress on your work packages, connect with others, engage in discussion and debate, and publish reports. As an introduction to cogniSource and a basic overview of how to join and use the site please see: http://plone.org/documentation/book/3 . While this documentation specifically references Plone, everything it covers applies directly to cogniSource. As you read through mentally replace Plone with cogniSource and you'll be ready to become an active participant. Enjoy.

Live Webcast: "Business Models for eduSource Learning Object Repositories"

Monday, April 7, 2003 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. PST

The eduSource communication and dissemination team is pleased to announce its first webcast, broadcasting live Monday, April 7, 2003, from the New Media Innovation Centre NewMic) in Vancouver, British Columbia. Focusing on business models for eduSource Learning Object Repositories, this webcast will explore the economic potential of eduSource research efforts. Topics will include:
- successful commercialization of research prototypes
- possible business models for learning object repositories
- the role of open source
- the process of moving from the lab to a commercial product
- opportunities for industry to participate and leverage eduSource initiatives.
A link to join the live webcast will be available from the cogniSource site and an archive of the webcast will be put on cogniSource for those unable to attend the live event. Threaded text discussion forums will be setup in the cogniSource community area for those who wish to explore this event interactively before and/or after the live event. The forums are a great way to pose a question to webcast guests even if you are unable to attend the live event. "Login" (returning participants) or "New User" (first-time participants) to access the forum or webcast at www.cognisource.ca .